NAVIGATING YOUR FUTURE: NAVY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE
(PresRel #NPDC0306) – Sidebar Item - 20 February 2003
JO1 Jd Walter, *Naval Personnel Development Command Public Affairs Office*

New Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) users log on at http://www.nko.navy.mil and

clicking on the **I'm a New User** button. From there, they will be asked to provide personal

information that will be validated against the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting

System) database to ensure consistency and user privacy. All of NKO is 128 bit encrypted via a

Secure Socket Layer, just as online financial transactions are. Screen names typically follow the

first.last name convention, but the system will offer users a choice of up to three versions. Users

will also create their unique password during the initial log in session. Once the DEERS

validation process is successfully completed, the user will receive an e-mail confirming their

access to NKO that will include instructions for retrieving forgotten or lost login information.

A uniquely individualized experience, users will be given several options depending on

which Learning Center they are affiliated with, their rank, occupational field or mission area,

NECs (Navy Enlisted Classifications), duty stations, time in service, as well as other data fields

contained in the NTMPS (Navy Training Management and Planning System) database.

The core services of NKO are accessed through the tool bar located on the left of the

screen. In addition to buttons for Learning Centers, Training Support Centers, Naval Missions,

and Communities, users will find NKO Search, a robust Verity K2 engine, and the NKO White

Pages. The White Pages contain information on every registered NKO user. Within the White

Pages, users can search and filter based on attributes such as name, pay grade, center affiliation,

and NKO account type. Once a search is returned results can be sorted by phone number, email

address, first, middle or last name, rate, or community. The results also provide hot e-mail

addresses that automatically launch e-mail to the selected NKO user. It also reflects the user's

online status and allows one to add new people to IM contact lists.